

INFORMATION SEARCH AND RETRIEVAL
WITH GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES

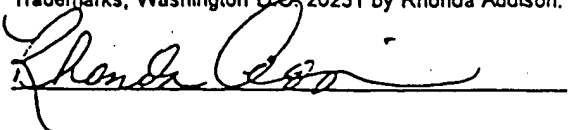
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An information search and retrieval process using geographical coordinates. An index of coordinates is built for a plurality of text based references, resources or sites, each having a set of said coordinates. A user inquiry is accepted containing a text reference. The text reference specified in the user inquiry is converted to a set of coordinates. A search is thereafter conducted against the index of coordinates based on the converted coordinates of the user inquiry reference. All information retrieved from the search is returned in a text based format.

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